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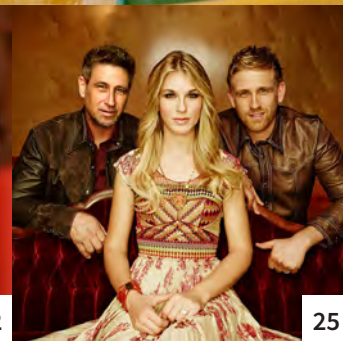
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

“For Waters Break Forth in the Wilderness, and Streams in the Desert”

Isaiah 35:6b (ESV)

God loves to send forth waters of provision and refreshing that renew us each day, and the fall semester at Bryan has seen an exceptional outpouring of God's refreshing rain. One senior articulated God's outpouring when he told me that he felt more spiritual energy on campus this year than any of his earlier years. In addition, I believe that Bryan Life's new design, thanks to Marica Merck and her team, has been so well received because of how beautifully it showcases God's provision and blessing.

This second edition of the new design expresses God's outpouring through the lives of two music faculty members. Dr. Sigrid Luther will be retiring from full-time teaching at the end of this year. She has impacted countless students and made a difference in the lives of our entire campus community, her family members, her church, and beyond. Thank you, Sigrid, for modeling excellence and Christian humility among us for nearly four decades; you will be greatly missed.

Another of our music faculty, Kim Keck, has raised the bar for our vocal students with her teaching and mentoring. During her relatively short tenure here, she has initiated a women's chorus and a remarkable opera program. The Lord continues to shower blessings upon us through the lives of our faculty members.

Many friends of Bryan daily provide refreshment through their service and financial giving. Our good friend, Dr. Erwin Latimer (Hon. '08) went to be with our Lord this fall, and what a privilege it was for us to know him and to witness his single-minded devotion to promoting Bryan. I know that he continues to be our advocate before our heavenly Father now that he is present with the Lord. I cannot think of any other servant who has so faithfully encouraged this community through the years—what a wellspring of blessing!

Homecoming was a sweet time of fellowship and encouragement as we heard from Josh Bales '03, Brett Roes '88, and Trustee Dr. Gary Phillips (Hon. '91). The Color Runs, Audio Adrenaline concert, and many wonderful activities contributed to a most memorable weekend. Dr. Mickey '55 and Martha '57 Park concluded 50



years of exceptional service to our Board and Bryan, even as they continue to challenge all of us through their lives and ministry. And we welcome alumni Don '76 and Connie '76 Blanton to our Board of Trustees, looking forward to their ministry among us.

The many streams in the desert that God has brought our way enable us to live out our mission of educating students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today's world. All of you as alumni and friends are likewise streams of blessing—vivid reminders of our purpose, and I thank you for your love and service to our Lord and the blessing you are to all of us on the hill.

Stephen D. Livesay

SPOTLIGHT

> JAMES MORRING '38X



In a lifetime that spans two world wars, the Great Depression, and decades of raising a family while working full-time, Mr. Morring's time at Bryan was relatively short. But since he left, he has regularly attended homecoming and still frequently visits the campus, keeping the college part of his long-term legacy. He notes that, while he left in 1938 to pursue full-time work, his "heart will always be at Bryan."

By Allison Baker, Senior

Homecoming 2013 was a time of reunion and rejoicing for all attendees, and perhaps most of all for James Morring '38x. At this year's homecoming, Mr. Morring celebrated his 100th birthday with friends and family who came from across the country to recognize the life and achievements of their beloved father and grandfather. The alumni department prepared a special event for the occasion, culminating in a slideshow of his time at Bryan and a birthday poster signed by dozens of faculty and staff members.

In 1934 Mr. Morring hitchhiked from Pennsylvania with a friend to make the trip to Bryan, which ran a self-sustaining dairy farm and had not yet built most of its distinctive buildings. During his years at Bryan, he lived in the Octagon; worked at the Aqua Hotel in downtown Dayton as a night clerk; and met his wife, Jeanette.



BRYAN CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL

“We wanted to develop the kinds of global initiatives that the opportunity to have a level of international inter

The Bryan Center for International Development (CID) was founded in 2003 to enable the college to broaden not only its educational influence but also its global ministry potential. From its inception until today the Bryan CID has organized over 400 unique initiatives in more than 10 countries.

“We wanted to develop the kinds of global initiatives that would give Bryan students the opportunity to have a level of international interaction and experience that has traditionally been seen as the domain of the kinds of ‘elite’ schools

you find on the East Coast,” explains Dennis Miller, Bryan’s executive director of external relations and also director for the Bryan CID.

The program seeks to address major happenings on the global

“Bryan seeks to educate students to impact the world for Christ.”

- Dennis Miller

front and enable students, faculty, and staff to interact with those dealing with critical issues on the ground in their own countries. “One of the key things that the Bryan CID has been able to accomplish operationally is to arrange for a large number of international lecture programs on campus that expose our students to current

major global events happening in select countries or regions of the world,” according to Miller.

To this end the CID directs the Decosimo Lecture Series on Global Business, sponsored by Top 100 accounting and business advisory firm Decosimo and held in partnership with the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga. The series features an annual lecture with an acclaimed guest speaker experienced in the world of international business, the most recent of whom was Dr. Iveta Radičová, former prime minister of Slovakia.

The CID has also placed faculty members with international lecture experiences and students in professional internships abroad. Communications professors Michael Palmer and Dr. Randy Hollingsworth recently taught Czech students in communications at Palacky

University in Olomouc, Czech Republic, and business professor Brad Gatlin travelled to Taiwan as part of a delegation promoting the Taiwan/US relationship.



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would give Bryan students action and experience.”

- Dennis Miller

Bryan has also appreciated the expertise and knowledge of the key individuals from the Chattanooga area who have participated in CID's projects. Reid Henson, vice president of Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated; and Anna Paden, who helped start the first SSTOP (Students Stopping the Trafficking of Persons) chapter at Georgetown University are two of the many who have assisted the CID by traveling overseas to Eastern European nations to speak and serve.

Retired rear admiral Vance Fry, who has gone to the Czech Republic four times, reflects that his time speaking about leadership and ethics helped establish positive relationships and connections for the missionaries he worked with.

“Bryan seeks to educate students to impact the world for Christ,” Miller says, “and the Bryan CID is helping to enhance this aim by providing students with many opportunities to interact with and understand other cultures.”

By Chloe Ann Nardone '13



DEVELOPMENT

DIY INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP

When seniors Jonathan Rajala and Nathaniel Eastwood heard about an opportunity to intern over the summer at Slovakia's largest bank, they went for it. It wasn't easy – they had to pay their own way and set up their own accommodations – but the effort was worth it.

They intended to gather information on Slovakian banking with the goal of writing a self-assigned research paper. The people at Slovenská Spoiteľňa were more than helpful. Each department welcomed Rajala and Eastwood and showed them their daily processes while explaining their long-term goals. For example, the treasury department walked them through a \$2 billion trade, and the finance department asked them to analyze a property they were considering buying. Eastwood notes this was “challenging to do on a computer with Slovakian keys.”

When they were not working, their contact at the bank, Mr. Bujna, toured Bratislava with them and took them castle-hunting. Over the two weeks, they not only tasted the laid-back Slovakian culture, but also gained a new sense of the constant communication necessary in a mega bank as well as the “vastness” of the world and the global economy.

By Katie Betts '13



BRYAN'S FIRST LUKE 14 EVENT



Tuesday, Oct. 8, marked the 10th anniversary of Bryan College's Community Service Day, and this year's event welcomed a new Luke 14 initiative called "Fun Day on the Hill."

Volunteers for the "Fun Day on the Hill" received 47 special needs students from the Rhea County Schools Comprehensive Developmental Class Program, along with the children's parents and teachers. The young visitors, ranging in age from pre-K to 12th grade, were formally announced by animated emcee Dr. Randall Hollingsworth

and celebrated by the Bryan College cheer squad. Individually paired with a "Bryan buddy," a Bryan student acting as his or her friend and escort throughout the day, each child had a chance for face-painting, playing music, and playing a variety of carnival-themed games.

Director of Special Projects Corinne Livesay quoted Joni Eareckson Tada as describing "Fun Day on the Hill" as "a celebration of God's ability in our disability."

By Chloe Ann Nardone '13

FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF SLOVAKIA SPEAKS ON THE HILL

Bryan College had the honor of hosting Dr. Iveta Radičová, former prime minister of Slovakia, on Nov. 4, to a continuation of the Decosimo Lecture Series on Global Business. This series is sponsored by accounting and business advisory firm Decosimo and is held yearly with Bryan College and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

In her presentation "A Look at Politics and Economics Inside of Europe with Comparisons to the United States," she noted the importance of America taking into account that it is only one part of a larger global community. Given that the current "information revolution" has opened frontiers of positive possibility all over the planet, Dr. Radičová's advice to current students is to become an expert not only on their native country, but on other parts of the world, as well.

The best way to involve the upcoming generation in America in making a difference is to "show them on concrete cases that one person can change the world, and in positive ways," Dr. Radičová pointed out in a later interview. "Each attempt to act, and strong motivation together with quality education, should help others – and yourself – with a more quality life."

The Rhea County Room was filled to capacity with students, faculty, staff and community members, in addition to Dr. Eva Havelkova, the head of the Department for Development Programs and Foreign Affairs at the National Emergency Center in Bratislava.

By Chloe Ann Nardone '13



CATALYST 2013: KNOWN



On Oct. 2-4, several Bryan College faculty members took 30 students to Atlanta for the annual Catalyst conference, as they have done since it began over ten years ago. Each year the conference invites Christian leaders to speak on a given topic, aiming to train, exhort and encourage young Christian leaders in their faith and ministry. This year, speakers such as John Piper, Ann Voscamp, Andy Stanley, and Priscilla Shirer came together to talk on the theme “Known.”

The biggest take-away for the students was “understanding the im-

portance of who we’re known by – God – and why that’s all we need,” said Tim Shetter, who led the group.

“The speakers were fantastic,” said senior Becca Bodine, who said her favorite session was Ann Voscamp’s lab on giving thanks to God in all things.

Senior Ryan Evelyn said it was encouraging “to see where the church is going and where young leaders have a place to move the Kingdom of God forward.”

By Katie Betts ‘13

SEEN ON CAMPUS



Bryan cheerleaders volunteer for the Homecoming 2013 Color Runs.

“Our baseball players filled 34 boxes for Operation Christmas Child for Samaritan’s Purse. They really got into it, writing cards and distributing soap, tooth-

paste, etc., as well as toys! This is the second year the team has done this project.” – Athletic Director Taylor Hasty ‘06



CAMPUSNEWS

SEEN ON CAMPUS

(CONTINUED)

Members of the Bryan College community gathered in the Triangle on Thursday, Sept. 26, to celebrate the school's latest distinction, being named a Tree Campus USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. Bryan Science Society President Kate-Marie Parks planted the newest tree on campus: a Dawn Redwood, a species believed to be extinct but rediscovered in China in 1945.



▲ Left to right: Dr. Steve Barnett, Dr. Brian Eisenback, Dr. Roger Sanders, Dr. Bradford Sample, Kate-Marie Parks, Dr. Stephen Livesay

SPOTLIGHT

> DR. ERWIN "LAT" LATIMER '08H

Many, if not most, Bryan students develop a love for the college and support it through prayer and giving following graduation, but Bryan College's biggest fan never took a class here.

Erwin "Lat" Latimer was well into his 60s and a very successful Chattanooga businessman when first introduced to Bryan in the late 1980s by Dr. Ken Hanna '57, Bryan's fifth president. At the time, Bryan's enrollment had declined by more than 30 percent, the college was deeply in debt and rumors of the college's closing were rampant. Rather than seeing a sinking ship, Lat saw the potential of what God could do, rolled up his sleeves and got to work as a donor, fundraiser, trustee and ambassador for the college. Since then Bryan's total enrollment has tripled, its endowment increased sixfold and the number of campus buildings almost doubled.

"I do not think that anyone will ever know the true extent of the contributions that Lat made to Bryan College," said fellow trustee Delana Bice '74. "Bryan College is a different and better place because of Lat. He loved the school and was always ready to do whatever he could for the college."

Lat died on Sept. 24, but his impact on the college will be felt for decades.





Lat and Lane Latimer settled in Chattanooga and had four children who would give them 18 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, several of whom have attended Bryan. Lat and a brother-in-law purchased two Shoney's Big Boy restaurants in Chattanooga in the 1950s, and Lat grew the franchise to more than 200 restaurants in 10 states.

His love for the Lord and Christian ministry grew deep and wide over the years, but for 25 years Lat's primary focus was Bryan College. He joined Bryan's board of trustees in 1992 and served as a trustee or trustee emeritus until his death.

Lat was quick to recognize the contributions of others but was reluctant to take any credit himself. While his financial contributions to the college over the years were substantial, he always made them without fanfare. When the student center was completed in 2000 and named in honor of Lat and Lane Latimer, he objected to the fuss. Ten years earlier he donated the money to start the Communication Arts program at Bryan, again without any publicity, according to Dr. Bill Brown '91H, Bryan's sixth president.

He was tireless as a fundraiser and networker for the college.

"Everyone in Chattanooga and on Lookout Mountain knew Lat," Dr. Brown said. "His reputation was such that people thought, 'if Lat's involved, it must be a pretty good thing.' He introduced many of our major donors to Bryan at that time."



Bryan President Dr. Stephen Livesay put it even more forcefully—"I have often said, 'O, for a thousand Lats....' If we had more Lats, there is no telling what we could do for Bryan College and for the cause of Christ."

In recognition of his service, the college conferred on Lat an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at Commencement in 2008.

The timing was important because just 10 days later Lat suffered a stroke that left him partially paralyzed and unable to speak until his death.

"He became Bryan College," Dr. Livesay said recently. "He embodied all that is great about Bryan. He was so proud of that honorary degree, and I am so thankful that God allowed us to honor him before his stroke. Everyone who knew him will dearly miss him. Bryan College will dearly miss him."

*By John Carpenter '86,
Assistant Professor
of Journalism*

HILLSIDE CHAT

➤ DR. SIGRID LUTHER



For 35 years Dr. Sigrid Luther has served Bryan College with a warmth and dedication that brilliantly exemplifies the Apostle Peter's admonition to "supplement your faith with excellence" (II Peter 1:5). Whether on-stage, teaching, or accompanying the Bryan Chorale, Dr. Luther exudes excellence as unto the Lord.

Dr. Luther earned her master's and doctorate degrees in piano performance from Louisiana State University. Her breadth of expertise includes teaching piano theory, literature, and pedagogy and performing solo and collaborative music. Kristen Smelser Smith '95 says, "As a teacher she was encouraging, patient, fun, and inspiring.... With her training, I felt prepared to begin teaching piano after graduation, and I still operate a private studio today." Brittany McGehee '09 adds that Dr. Luther "propelled my passion for music."

Dr. Luther has been consistently committed to students' spiritual growth, integrated with their studies – whether by praying for students (Alissa Constance Passburg '12 recalls Dr. Luther writing down prayer requests before each piano lesson and remembering to follow up the next week), encouraging their

interests in overseas missions, or affirming their vision of using their musical skills in a local community. Dee Ann Symington '83, Dr. Luther's first applied piano major, comments, "Having this precious relationship... has been a key factor in developing who I am today. Thank you, Dr. Luther, for your consistent walk with the Lord and your example as a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, professor and pianist."

One of the hallmarks of Dr. Luther's tenure at Bryan has been the remarkable teamwork with her husband Dr. David Luther, the director of Bryan's chorale program. Together they have taken dozens of groups of students on choir tours in the U.S. and abroad.

Reflecting on her years at Bryan, Dr. Luther says, "It has been a great joy to invest in the lives of young people and to see what God has done in their lives while at Bryan College and also after graduation.... I have also had the privilege of working alongside a godly faculty and staff." When Dr. Luther retires at the end of the academic year, she will leave a legacy of excellence that will continue to shape Bryan's vision of how music and musicians uniquely express "Christ Above All."

By Eva Holder '05

HILLSIDE CHAT

➤ MRS. KIM KECK

Mrs. Kim Keck has been teaching music for twenty years and still loves every minute of it. Giving voice lessons and teaching pedagogy since 2007, she also founded the Bryan Opera Theatre and continues to faithfully bless students with her instruction while earning her doctorate from Boston University.

After earning her M.M. at University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Mrs. Keck pursued a career in performance. She held leading roles in operas such as *Don Giovanni*, *La Traviata*, and *Carmen*. Before becoming a Christian, her philosophy centered on her or her students as professional performers. When Mrs. Keck became a Christian at age 30, she reached a turning point and everything about her teaching philosophy changed. After she gave her life to Jesus, she says, “it became more about using the talent that God had given me, fine tuning it to use it better for Him, and then teaching my students to do the same.” When asked about her greatest accomplishment, she teared up and responded, “My greatest accomplishment isn’t based on a single event, but a turning point in my life when I began instructing from a Christian perspective with the purpose of teaching students to pursue a higher calling with their gifts.”

Senior Alexis Landry says, “If

I had to pick one word to describe her, it would be passion. Even when we’re having coffee, she can’t help but talk about her dissertation. Her passion is infectious...students can not only pick up her passion and energy for music, but also her passion for the Lord. She has inspired me to be more consistent in my spiritual walk and to pursue the Lord more diligently, like she does.”

Mrs. Keck did something revolutionary for the music department in starting the Opera Theatre. Taking the initiative to start an opera program in the midst of her doctoral studies has required great ambition and courage and many sleepless nights. Mrs. Keck is excited about the upcoming Bryan Opera Theatre production of *Pirates of Penzance*, scheduled for Feb. 21-22.

Mrs. Keck has the unique capacity to be a challenging professor, an influential mentor, and a caring friend to her students. She and her husband Steve, Bryan’s director of gift and estate design, reside in Dayton with their children Lauren (current Bryan sophomore), Madison, Matthew and Michael.

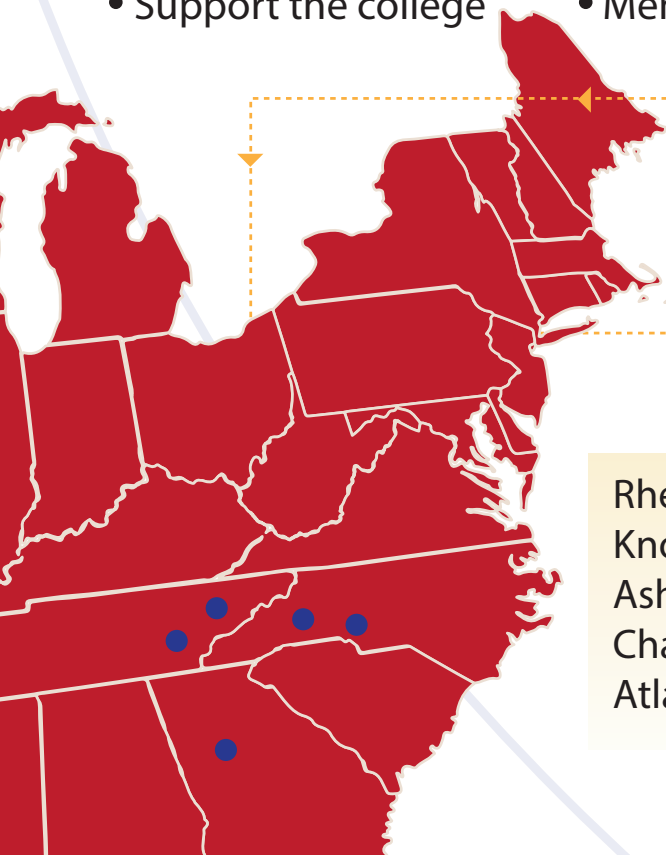
By Kelly Miller ‘12



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DINNERS SO FAR IN 2014

Rhea County & F/S Region	Jan. 16
Knoxville Region	Feb. 1
Asheville, NC Mid-Atlantic Region	TBA
Charlotte, NC Mid-Atlantic Region	TBA
Atlanta, GA Southern Atlantic Region	TBA

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From Atlanta, Ga., with a passion for justice and the desire to defend the most vulnerable, junior Maddie Mondell has taken advantage of all Bryan has to offer to prepare for her future as a legal representative for those formerly trafficked. In addition to studying as a politics and government major with law option, Maddie participates in Bryan's clubs as co-captain of the forensics team and president of SS-TOP. She also takes advantage of class trips, learning about trafficking on-site in Cambodia and at the Justice Conference in Philadelphia.

At that conference, Maddie discovered World Relief, FFAST, and their internship opportunity. Maddie's internship with these faith-based advocacy and anti-trafficking organizations gave her hands-on experience fighting against human

trafficking. From compiling resources, case-managing, raising awareness and coordinating trainings, to volunteering at a safe house in Baltimore, Maddie saw how everyday life can be part of the effort to counter human trafficking.

But most significantly, the internship motivated her to pursue a law degree after graduating from Bryan.

Crediting the "high caliber education" with preparing her for World Relief, Maddie feels confident the same education has readied her for the rigors of law school. She says, "Bryan has encouraged me to research, educating myself before haphazardly joining a cause." Maddie will take her skills and experience with her from Bryan into the world.

By Katie Betts '13

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT MADDIE MONDELL



STUDENT HIGHLIGHT DAVID BENEDICT



Anyone venturing down to the bottom floor of Rudd, hallowed grounds for music and theatre majors, may hear the faint plucking of mandolin strings. The melody's source is senior mandolin performance major David Benedict.

David started playing mandolin at the age of 13, after falling in love with the instrument's "interesting sound." In his senior year of high school, David decided to pursue music performance full-time, and found that Bryan was the only school that allowed him to study mandolin performance, providing a flexible course of study built around his instrument.

Since beginning at Bryan, David has had incredible opportunities to perform, from forming the Benedict Trio to opening for world-renowned banjoist Bella Fleck at

the Tivoli. He says no other school could have given him so many wonderful opportunities in "so short a time," citing the music department as being particularly "gracious in adapting to needs and visions." Recently, David recorded his first full-length album, set to be mixed and mastered in 2014. Bryan alumni Justin Kelly '13 and T.K. King '13 were integral in the recording process.

After David graduates in December, he hopes to move to Nashville to continue pursuing music. No doubt he will continue to be a "gregarious musician, feeding off the music of others and learning their stories," and according to David, "that's all that really matters."

By Allison Baker, Senior
davidbenedictmusic.com

■ Alumni Director



When we “come home” for Homecoming or attend an Alumni Gathering in our home town, we are a study in contrasts. Over the last 30 years, from the time I walked around on Bryan Hill as a student, my confidence has both soared and plummeted. Just like any other alum, when I walk into a room of college friends I have questions: “Will anyone recognize me?”, “Will my friends be there?”, “What will I talk about after the ‘how are you doing’ question passes?”, “Will everyone’s life be great, and mine look sad?” We worry about our weight, our hair (or lack of it), our children, etc. The pressure builds as we approach people we haven’t seen in many years – pressure to measure up.

As the host of several alumni gatherings this year, I have heard many of these comments spoken aloud. And if we are really honest with ourselves, haven’t we all been there? Wondering if people would really love and accept us? Wondering if we were really seen for who we are?

COMING HOME

I’d like to give you a “birds-eye view” of what it’s like to walk into one of those events. The door opens and hesitant alums step through, unsure of the outcome. They scan the room, looking for a friendly face. Within minutes they are greeted; they walk down memory lane and are overwhelmingly loved and accepted right where they are. Old friendships are made new, and new friendships blossom right in that room. A love of Christ and Bryan makes it seem like they were old friends all along. That’s the Bryan community at its core. For those who truly live out our motto “Christ Above All,” this connection is a natural outflow of who we are. It does not mean we get it right all of the time, but as we grow and mature we are getting there. God told us the world would know we are Christians, not by our backstory, but by our love!

So Bryan Lions, wherever you are in your journey, we welcome you home. Please check our website at www.bryan.edu/alumnievents to see when an event is coming near you. If you would like to host an event in your hometown, let me know at alumni@bryan.edu.

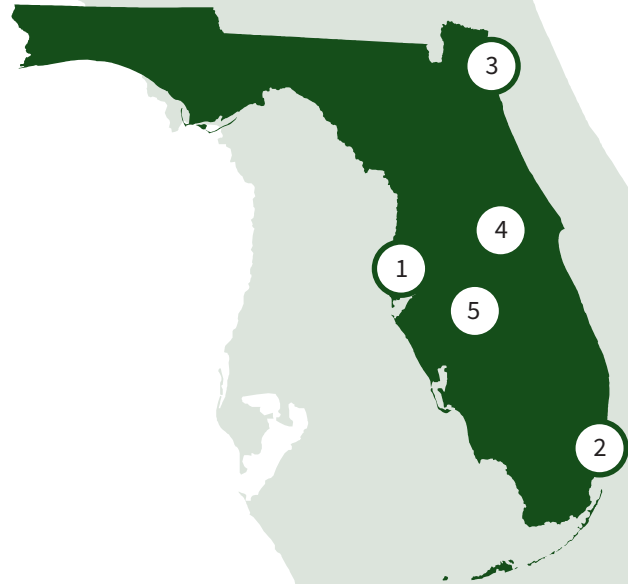
Bryan College is special – the students, alumni, faculty, staff and administration. And one nice thing about getting older: you can stop worrying about what everyone else thinks and start recognizing what is truly important. Friends. Family. Relationships. The good stuff.

God bless you, friends,

Paulakay

Paulakay Hall, ‘84

ALUMNI UPCOMING EVENTS



► Connect with fellow Bryan College alumni in the following areas:

- | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------|------------|---------|
| 1. Tampa / St. Petersburg | Jan. 9 | 4. Orlando | Jan. 16 |
| 2. Palm Beach area | Jan. 11 | 5. Sebring | Jan. 18 |
| 3. Jacksonville | Jan. 14 | | |

Golden Grad Weekend - May 9-10, 2014
Class of 1964

Golden Grads to the Biltmore



The Golden Grad reunion will take place next spring in conjunction with Eagle Christian Tour to Asheville, N.C., and the Biltmore.

Golden Grads and their friends will depart Bryan May 10, 2014, and travel by motorcoach to Asheville. That evening, they will tour historic downtown and dine at the

1907 Pack's Tavern in Pack Square Park. They will tour the Biltmore Estate and the Antler Hill and Biltmore villages the next day, followed by dinner and a show. On the last day, the Golden Grads will tour the Asheville Folk Art Center and eat lunch at the Asheville Farmers Market before returning to Bryan through the blossoming Blue Ridge State Park.

The host and hostess are Brett '88 and Becky '90 Roes, who met at Bryan and now lead dream motorcoach tours for senior adults through 44 states.

Bryan graduates from the classes of 1959-1969 interested in joining the tour may contact Alumni Director Paulakay Hall at 423.775.7454 or by email at alumni@bryan.edu.

LEGACY STUDENTS



Legacy students Nathan Bare, Mary Brown, Katrina Duong, Stephen Powell, Megan Harris, Emily Hobbs, Andrew Carpenter, Evan Horton, and Michael Padgett stand with Bryan alum family members



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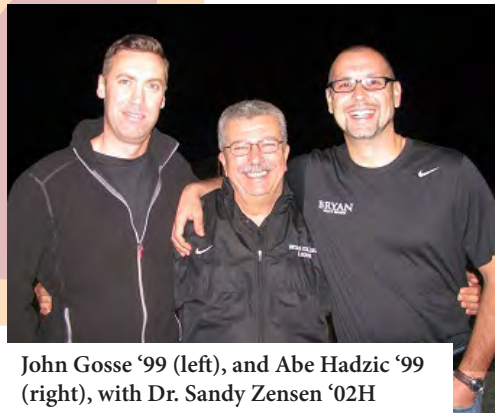
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Alumni of the Year

- 1. Alumni of the Year** Dr. Don and Rae Reed '63
- 2. Honorary Alumni of the Year** Dr. Bob and Nan Coddington '13H
- 3. Young Alumni of the Year** Josh '03 and Mindy Bales

HOMECOMING 2013 HIGHLIGHTS

Homecoming 2013 was a weekend filled with color, music, and recognition, kicking off with a series of alumni games in soccer, basketball, baseball, and rugby. At the alumni rugby game, Dr. Livesay opened the match with a prayer of thanks for Bryan's heritage and God's provision, after which over 200 students, alumni, and faculty cheered on the dueling teams. The following day began with an exciting morning of races, including the new Paw Pounder Extreme 5K and 10K and the Paw Pounder Run of Many Colors 5K. Students, alumni, and faculty enjoyed running through clouds of vibrant color, creating keepsake t-shirts and raising money for the Bryan Scholarship Fund.



John Gosse '99 (left), and Abe Hadzic '99 (right), with Dr. Sandy Zensen '02H



Afterward, many of them gathered to have lunch together at the practice field, a tailgating meal that preceded the women's and men's soccer games taking place that afternoon and evening. At the men's game, former athletic director and current professor Coach Sandy Zensen announced his "All Z Team," a collection of 18 soccer players from his tenure as head who best represented excellence on and off the field. Also at the men's game was the presentation of Homecoming Court, during which seniors Luke Fox and Chloe Pool were crowned homecoming king and queen by last year's winners, Kelly Findley and Amy Morris.

Attendees of the alumni dinner that evening were treated to special performances by the Bryan College Chamber Singers and Young Alumni of the Year, Josh Bales '03. Also recognized at the dinner were Alumni of the Year Dr. Donald and Rachel (Paulson) Reed '63, and Honorary Alumni of the Year Dr. Robert and Nan Coddington. Culminating the weekend was a free Audio Adrenaline concert, sponsored and hosted by Bryan SGA and attended by over 700 students and alumni. This was a weekend of reflection, celebration, and most of all, the common bond of Bryan College that unites generations in the pursuit of "Christ Above All."

By Allison Baker, Senior

Shawn Wolf '86

Featured Alumnus

Shawn Wolf's mantra is, "We don't get work done through people – we develop people through our work." Everything about Shawn's life has led him to be an exemplary leader in business and in the faith.

Shawn began college at Bloomfield University in Pennsylvania, where he trusted Christ as a freshman. Over summer he went to a Christian camp and met his future wife Denise '86, who told him about her school – Bryan College. A new believer, Shawn was excited to hear about this college that put Christ above all, and he transferred to Bryan as a sophomore business major.

While at Bryan, Shawn developed the foundation for the rest of his growth in leadership. He ate lunch, played racquetball, and talked business with Professor Rick Hill. He sat under Dr. Bill Brown's teaching in New Testament class, which was "very influential" in his life and growth as a new believer. Shawn also jumped at the chance to teach the Bible in local schools through PCI, and assisted the wrestling coach at Rhea County – an outgrowth of his love of wrestling and his desire to mentor others.

Shawn so loved leading others and studying the Bible that for a time he considered becoming a pastor or going into missions. After graduating from Bryan, he studied at Alliance Seminary for a year before returning to business in graduate school. However, his love of the Bible and his heart to shepherd others in the Lord continued even after his years at Bryan.

Leadership has been the theme of the rest of



his education and career. Shawn earned a masters of management at Eastern University and worked as an executive there before becoming President of Potomac College. Leaving Potomac in 1999, Shawn became Chief Operating Officer for Wright Manufacturing, Inc., which manufactures commercial mowers for companies worldwide. Over the next several years, Shawn not only earned a doctorate in strategic leadership from Regent University but also became president of Wright Manufacturing.

As president of Wright Manufacturing, Shawn still leads with the leadership tactics that he learned in management classes at Bryan: "value people." He leads the company to build mowers, teams, companies – and lives. He and Denise have three children, including Ryan, a current Bryan College junior.

By Katie Betts '13

Dr. Amy Ford Nguyen '00



Featured Alumna

Amy's dedication enabled her to achieve a healthy balance between academics and extracurriculars during her time on the Hill and even earn a starting position on the tennis team. Her former coach, Dr. Bob Andrews, said, "The same rugged determination that gave Amy success as a biology/pre-med major gave her a will to win on the tennis court. Amy applied herself better than any other player to becoming as skilled as possible."

Pushing through more than a decade of higher education to become established in the medical field requires iron perseverance and no small amount of hard work. And doing so with a humanitarian heart has the stunning capacity to change lives as nothing else can. For 11 years Dr. Amy F. Nguyen '00 committed herself to doing just that, earning her B.S. in biology from Bryan and her M.D. from Eastern Virginia Medical School, and completing her residency at North Colorado Medical Center before starting at the Mirasol Family Health Center in Hermiston, Ore., where she now works as a family practice physician.

Daughter of two Bryan College alumni, Donald '72 and Frances '74 Ford, Amy knew the significance of a solid education from the time she was in high school. She came to Bryan as a freshman and decided to major in biology, pursuing her lifelong dream of becoming a missionary doctor.

In the biology department Amy received not only preparation that made for an easy transition to medical school, but also spiritual encouragement. She credits Dr. Kurt Wise and Dr. David Johnston with engaging in countless conversations with her about God and life.

"Bryan gave me a good, solid, biblically based college education," Amy says. "Bryan emphasizes the biblical worldview, so I went into medicine with that in mind, wanting to work with underserved populations." She is most passionate about caring for expectant mothers and delivering the hundreds of babies she has helped bring into the world. She loves working at a practice where she can serve patients across a spectrum of medical need.

Amy hopes to someday travel overseas to pursue medical missions work. But for now she resides happily in Kennewick, Wash., with her husband Richard, a radiologist; and their baby daughter Emily.

By Chloe Ann Nardone '13

IN SEASON: WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Coach Jason Smith enters into his third season with the Lady Lions, and his expectations are high because of the persistent development of his returners infused with a talented recruiting class. The 2013-2014 squad looks to continue the upward climb through the Appalachian Athletic Conference while remaining strong to their core values of honor, transformation, toughness, truth, and team. One third of the way through their season, they find themselves undefeated in conference play (5-0) and in first place with

an overall record of 8-3. They have had consistent play from several returners, with sophomore point guard Keila For-mont leading the team in scoring and assists. Senior Jenna Ray and junior Kelsey Brooks have had solid campaigns while sophomore Taylor Neuharth is having a breakout season from behind the arc. Freshman roommates Kristin Lane and Megan Billingsby are having a significant immediate impact resulting in victories. The Lady Lions look forward to the future support as they strive to win the conference. To quote the Lady Lions' "number one fan" Ben Cannon, "they are electrifying!"

MEN'S BASKETBALL: BRANDON COLE



This year Bryan College has a sophomore who has demonstrated what excellence is both on the court and in the classroom. Brandon Cole came to Bryan from Stone Memorial High School in Crossville, Tenn., where his senior year he averaged 27.5 ppg and 15 rpg. During his junior and senior years the boys' basketball team went to the Tennessee High School State Basketball Tournament. For his efforts he was a runner-up Mr. Basketball. As a freshman last year he was named Freshman of the Year in the conference after averaging 13.5 ppg and 8 rpg. He had a 3.8 overall GPA, highlighted by a 4.0 during second semester. During the season last year he took a young at-risk youth under his wing, providing tutoring, friendship and one-on-one time on the

court. Any time the team has the opportunity to be involved in the community, he steps up to the plate whole heartedly. This season Brandon is off to remarkable start averaging almost 25 ppg and 11.7 rpg. He is 7th in the country in scoring and 3rd in the country in rebounding. He has been named Conference Player of the Week in two of the past three weeks. The remarkable thing is, he is a 6'1" post player. Coach Don Rekoske states, "This young man is special. It seems whatever he sets his mind to, he does. Last year he said to me after the break that he was going to get a 4.0 second semester, then he did it. On the court what he is accomplishing is almost unexplainable. Our team has improved tremendously from the start of the season until now, and this young man has a lot to do with it."

CROSS COUNTRY



The men's cross country team entered the season excited for the opportunities ahead. They had four All-Americans on the team, but were in search of a fifth scoring runner as two talented men watched from the sideline, injured. They found it in freshman Tyler Boone, who helped the Lions to their fifth consecutive AAC cross country title and automatic berth to the national meet, where the Lions lived up to

the preseason hype and finished 10th in the 58th annual NAIA Cross Country National Championship. They were led by senior Anthony Simpson, who finished 15th overall and earned his second All-American honors.

"I was proud to be a Lion that day," said Coach Bryson Harper after the race, which took place in single-digit temperatures. "I was proud of the guys for fighting and using all their gifts well in these conditions."

For the year, the Lions added to the trophy shelf four more athletes with All-Conference honors, one All-American, and the second Coach of the Year award for Coach Harper in two years.

By Alyssia Harper '13

MEN'S SOCCER

When training camp opens each year in August, there is always an anticipation of what a season's journey may bring, which is typically accompanied by questions only time can answer. Will each individual set aside their own interests for those of the team? Will our team's collective actions support our words in the locker room when we speak of our core values – respect, unity, hard work, preparation, discipline, brotherhood?

Coach Joey Johnson said the 2013 season will always be remembered as a year when the players bought into these principles and reaped the rewards of working together that



will surely last a lifetime. The 2013 team finished the season with a 15-4 record (8-1 AAC) and rose as high as #21 in the NAIA national rankings. Winning both the AAC regular season championship and tournament championship en route to the NAIA national tournament, the Lions were voted AAC Co-Champions of Character. Nine players were placed on the AAC All-Conference teams, and junior Dan Branley was selected AAC Player of the Year.

MEN'S SOCCER

AAC All-Conference players:

Dan Branley
Miles Christian
Jorge Gonzalez Giron
Chris Krekeler

Rasheed Malcolm
Zach McCown
Stephen Millage
Josh Oldroyd
Gustavo Angel Tamayo

CROSS COUNTRY

All-American:

Anthony Simpson

All-Conference:

Connor Hatfield, Jason McLeod,
Anthony Simpson, Alex Stephens

All-Freshman:

Tyler Boone



VOLLEYBALL

Coming off a program best 32-10 season a year ago, many may have wondered if the Bryan Lions volleyball team could possibly do any better this season. The team answered that question with a resounding "yes!" Finishing 33-4, the Lions set the mark for most wins and a program low of only four losses. Along the way they ran up a 19-1 conference record and repeated as both regular season and conference tournament champions. The volleyball team compet-

ed in Nationals, and Bryan hosted.

Third year Coach David Shumaker is quick to give credit to his players. He says, "What we have here is a remarkable group of young ladies. They have put in a great deal of hard work and dedication into this sport." According to Coach Shumaker, the goal of his team is to glorify God in every area of life – from academics to athletics. Clearly, the 2013 team has taken this to heart.

BRYAN INTRODUCES FISHING TEAM

Bryan College athletics is excited to announce the addition of the school's new fishing team. Since traditional sports do not appeal to all students, the addition of the team gives Bryan College a chance to recruit students the school may not have otherwise attracted. Bryan College is in close proximity to the Chickamauga Lake – the most popular fishing lake in the southeast – and high school fishing is the fastest growing sport today, so the fishing team is a natural addi-

tion to Bryan's athletics program. Fishing Coach Michael Keen wants to get in touch with the colleges and universities in the AAC to start a conference. As for team members, Coach Keen said he is looking for students who are the whole package: strong both athletically and academically. He also expressed that the school is pleased with the abilities of the students they have met with, and that the school is looking forward to welcoming them in the fall.



By Michelle Barger, Sophomore



UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIP EVENTS



MOTTO: You will find "Christ Above All" not only emblazoned on the college logo but also pursued in the lives of Bryan faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

Everybody invited will have an opportunity to earn additional scholarships ranging up to \$5,000.

\$5,000

Events will be held February 21st and 22nd and March 21st and 22nd.

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The events will be invitation only and **students must be accepted** by January 31st in order to be invited.

Throughout the event students and parents will **hear, see and feel** the stories of current and former Bryan College students.

Music and theatre auditions will be held during this event.

Students will have a chance to **share their story** by interviewing with Bryan faculty on Saturday.

**SO COME SHARE YOUR STORY,
AND WE'LL SHARE OURS.**

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THE ARTS AT BRYAN COLLEGE



Hilltop Players Dessert Theatre:
The Importance of Being Earnest
Jan. 24 - Feb. 1



Bryan Opera Theatre:
Pirates of Penzance
Feb. 21 - 22



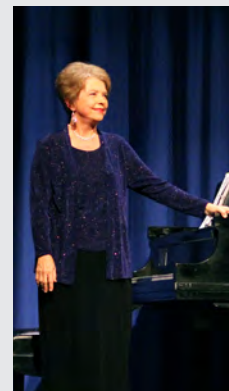
Fine Arts Concert: Voices Uplifted
Featuring Bryan College Chorale Ensembles
March 21



You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown



Fall Musical Showcase



RECENT EVENTS

AARON HENNINGSEN '06

singer-songwriter

Country music's Aaron Henningsen '06 of family trio the Henningsens shares the twists and turns of life. Who would have ever believed that this jokester resident assistant would transition from days of beating drums during Bryan's soccer games against Covenant to performing on "Good Morning America" or opening for 29 of Brad Paisley's shows?

Thinking back to his Bryan days, Aaron reflects on communications professor Dr. Randy Hollingsworth as a "favorite uncle" who opened his home constantly to students and would pray with them. Resident director Phil Pranger had a lot of influence on his life as well.

Aaron's storytelling began as he wrote music while a member of college band Isthmus. This inspired his father, Brian, and sister Clara to do the same. Soon all three began writing and performing together.

Life after college was tough. Aaron worked in construction while the family pursued their music dreams in Nashville. Aaron recalls, "You pray that God keeps you going as it was feast or famine." Their break came in 2008 when Aaron joked to a friend at church, saying, "See that guy out the window – leather jacket, tight pants, spiked hair? I bet he's important." He was right: this "guy" was Cactus Moser, former drummer for Highway 101. Brian and Clara, at another church across town, drove over to meet with Cactus, who in turn introduced them to renowned music producer Paul Worley. The Henningsens took off from that point, creating music with lyrics that touch listeners' hearts.

The Henningsens have had a good year in 2013 as they moved up the music charts to #14 with "American Beautiful". The Band Perry's "You Lie" and "All Your Life" were also written by the Henningsens.



Their song "To Believe" is based on a true story from the lives of Aaron and his wife, Ielyn. In the early, lean days as their electricity was about to be disconnected and they had no food, Ielyn asked if Aaron had prayed about the problem; so they stopped and prayed. How many people today can relate to these powerful lyrics? "Got a check from God today hiding in a stack of bills, addressed from a long-lost friend that I helped out years ago. It couldn't come at a better time."

"It's been a privilege to hang out with almost everybody in country music," Aaron says; but he attributes all success to "God, His favor and His hand."

By Marica Merck



Isthmus

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Lion Tracks

1970s

Martha (Walker) McClarnon '75 and her husband Tom retired seven years ago from public school teaching. Martha was listed in the Who's Who of Educators. She has 6 step-grandsons, and her son (28) graduated in 2008 with a degree in physics and math.

Rhonda Jackson '77 praises God for the incredible ministry He has given her in Honduras. She has 20 children living in her home and the Christian school for the poor children is now up to the ninth grade with 270 students and still growing. Many families are coming to Christ and are being disciplined.

1980s

Robert Jensen '80 has been named international director of security for Billy Graham Evangelical Association in Charlotte, N. C. He and his wife, **Becky (Woodall) Jensen** '80 currently reside in Hixson, Tenn.

Alan '81 and **Kathy (Kindberg)** '82 **Courtright** marked 30 years of ministry this year. They currently serve with Missionary Athletes International, where Alan is director of operations and Kathy is a secretary. The Courtrights currently reside in Waxhaw, N.C.

Annette McManus Chandler '83 has reached the 30-year milestone working for the University of Florida as a biological scientist in horticulture. Annette is married with one daughter and two beautiful granddaughters, ages 5 and 3 months. She enjoys running 5Ks, 10Ks and half marathons, including the Disney Princess Glass Slipper Challenge in February 2014.

Dr. Jack Heller '84 has started a Shakespeare program at the Pendleton Correctional Facility, a maximum security prison 20 miles northeast of Indianapolis. His program will be featured in a mid-December article on the Red Letter Christians blog. Jack continues to teach in the English department at Huntington University.



photo courtesy of Neil Potter, Indiana Department of Corrections

Dr. Darrell Cosden '85 continues as professor of theological studies at Judson University in Elgin, Ill. He also is assistant coach for Judson's men's lacrosse team, as well as assistant coach for HD Jacobs High School men's lacrosse program. Darrell and Kristy's son, Brenton, is a sophomore at Gordon College and is on the lacrosse team there. Their daughter, Kayleigh, is a senior at HD Jacobs High School and is captain of the varsity dance team there.

Lori (DeBoer) Van Der Scheer '88 started at RBC Ministries (publishers of "Our Daily Bread") as service partner coordinator two years ago, organizing and supervising service partners as. Lori enjoys working with people who want to take time out of their busy lives to help the ministry.

Timothy and **Debra (Schroeder) Well** '89 brought their third child, Hannah, to Bryan to represent Bryan in cross country and track. The Wells have eight children and reside in Florida.

1990s

Alan '89 and **Beth (Hanna)** '91 **McManus** serve the Lord in Mexico in a region sometimes referred to as "the 10/40 Window of Latin America" due to the small percentage of believers (thought to be less than 1% in the state of Querétaro). They have spent the past nine years with

Camino Global (formerly known as CAM International) providing educational assistance to missionary families that homeschool their kids. Beth teaches geometry to six MKs and keeps the 10,000-volume educational library organized. Alan and Beth are discipling several couples who have come to faith in Christ, lead Bible studies and lead a small house church plant in their home. Alan also serves as area ministry team leader. They have two sons Cameron (15) and Dayton (12).

Beth (Hornish)Almack '90, along with her husband, Jim, and family, continues to serve the Lord in missions through Christian schooling in the Republic of Panama. Beth serves as the curriculum and instruction coordinator, and her husband is the spiritual life coordinator and secondary Bible teacher. This winter marks 2 1/2 years in Panama. They have three kids, Daniel (10), Rachel (8), and Sarah (4).

In August **Kathy Rose Wagner '92** accepted a new position as bookkeeper at Appalachian Educational Communication Corporation in Bristol, Tenn. AECC is the parent company for the Christian radio station WHCB 91.5 FM.

CH (MAJ) Timothy '95 and Sarah (Kiney) '93 Fary are currently living in Baumholder, Germany, where Tim serves as the family life chaplain for USAG Baumholder.

Heidi Rose Wilson '92 is a stay-at-home mother. She and her husband, Kirk live in Kingsport, Tenn., where she homeschools their three children, Katie Rose (11), Lydia Hope (9), and Kevin Matthew (4).

Dennis '94 and Julie (Bengtson) '93 Runner and their four children live in West Lafayette, Ind. working with international students at Purdue University. They had an amazing opportunity to visit China for two weeks in November and believe their trip will help them to understand their students better and know how to more effectively minister to them.

Stephen Prout '94 will oversee the expansion of Solar Atmospheres (currently in Penn. and Cal.) into the southeastern states. Steve, whose first job will be site acquisition for the Pennsylvania-based company, was chosen to head this effort because of his character and 17 years of experience in the commercial heat treat industry.



Wade '07 and Rachel (Snyder) '96 Ortego moved to Wichita, Kas. in April. Wade is the headmaster at Classical School of Wichita, and Rachel teaches Latin and music. Their boys are in fourth and fifth grade. Rachel is approaching her fifth year cancer-free. Wade, who finished his Bryan degree through the ASPIRE program has since earned his M.Ed. from Abilene Christian University.

Kathy (Brown) Gounaud '95 and husband, Kevin, are living in the D.C. area homeschooling their five children; Hannah (11), Timothy (9) and, Joshua (7); Samuel (3) and Isaac (2) keep life interesting, entertaining, and full of mischief.

Julia (Eddleton) Colloms '96 is very busy at home in Cleveland, Tenn. She homeschools her children. She and her husband, Michael, await the arrival of their sixth baby in April to join siblings Daniel (11), Megan(9), Emma (8), Addie (5), and Makayla (1). Michael is currently working at TVA.

Matthew and Andrea (Kemp) Bostic '97 have been living in Montgomery, Ala., for seven years. They have five children with a sixth due in January. Besides keeping up with the kids' activities (gymnastics, dance classes, youth group, and keeping the toddler out of the toilet or off the table), they recently decided to pursue full-time ministry through Shoot For Life, using basketball to financially help cancer patients. The Bostics want to remind their friends that Montgomery is "on the way" to Panama City Beach: they would love to have former classmates stop by and say "hello"!

John '97 and Cristie (Simpson)'98 Montgomery live in the Middle East and have four kids. Zach(9), Catie (6), Jacob (4), and Hannah (7 months).

2000s

Jeffery W. Carter '00 passed away December 4 after a long illness. Jeff is survived by parents **Phil '75 and Donna (Jensen) '76 Carter**, uncle **Bob Jensen '80**, aunt **Becky (Woodall) Jensen '80**, aunt **Karen (Jensen) Collins '78**, aunt **Debbie (Carter) Conner '77** and many other family and friends. Jeff was the grandson of the late **Dr. Irving Jensen '73H**, the late **Charlotte Jensen '73H**, and the late **Carlos and Betty Carter**.

Jason '00 and **Rebekah Scott** announce the birth of their daughter, **Miranda Elspeth**. The Scotts live in Mebane, N.C.



Iris Meulman-Griffioen '00 spent 10 years working for TWR Europe in Holland and made the switch to secondary education. Since December of 2010 she is a middle/high school English teacher (as a foreign language) at a local high school. Iris is working on completing her B.A. in English secondary education this spring.

Ceste Stanly '03 marked 10 years teaching music in Christian schools. She teaches nine private music students and has sung in four semi-professional choirs. Ceste also played lap dulcimer with the Three Rivers Dulcimer Society, completed her master's degree in music education, and has earned her Kodaly certification. She lives in Kansas City, Mo.



Robert and Paula (Heathershaw) Kendall '02 welcomed their fifth child, **Eden Hope**, into their family in April 2012. Robert is a full-time pastor in Maryland.

Kimberly (Berry) Taylor '03 has been employed with the Yankee Candle Company for nine years. Starting as a second assistant manager, Kimberly is now a store manager and earned President's Club recognition by having the third-place ranking store in the company! Most recently, Kimberly has added visual training manager to her duties.

Jonathan '03 and **Dana Pfaff** announce the birth of their daughter, **Hannah Michelle**, on Sept. 12, 2013. Hannah is the Pfaffs' third daughter.

Henry '04 and Christen (Conrad) '06 Barrios welcomed baby daughter, **Lydia Esperanza**, to their family in October. She joins sister, **Abigail Grace**.



Sahar and Kimmie (Hill) Saa-do '03 announce the birth of their son, whom they call **Jack**, on Sept. 28, 2013.

Steven and Bekah (Byrer) Orner '06 are leaving in July to serve as full-time missionaries to Nosy Mitsio, Madagascar, with Africa Inland Mission.

Melanie (Hill) Goggans '09 began working as a medical writer in North Carolina this past summer. She and her husband **Andrew '09** are expecting a baby girl, their third daughter, in March.

2010s

Lawrence '08 and Tori (Stewart) '11 LaPlue announce the birth of their first child, Lawrence Lafayette, on Sept. 1, 2013. Proud grandparents are **Darlene (Ragland) LaPlue '82 and Steve '85 and Lisa (Barth) '87 Stewart**. Great grandparents are **Jim and Judi (King) Barth '57**.



Drew Friedrich '08 and his wife, Kysha, announce the birth of their first child, Andrew Peter IV, on Oct. 8, 2013. The Friedrichs live in Virginia Beach, Va.

Kyle Thomas '12 and Caitlin Hawkins '12 were married June 8 in Knoxville, Tenn. Their wedding party included **Anna (Roberts) Hipp '11, Michelle (Molzahn) Guerrier '13, Alexis Landry '13, Kelly Miller '12, Bethany Hawkins, Anna (McSpadden) Hawkins, Lindsay Thomas '11, Ethan Thomas, Nathan Bailey '11, Patrick Roberts '11, Kelly Findley '13, Jacob Hawkins '15, Randy Bright '13, Matt Albin '12, and Seth Crocker '10**. The Thomases reside in Knoxville, where Caitlin is pursuing her master's at UT.

In May **Stephen Hill '11** will finish a master's in teaching English as a second language at the University of Illinois, and in June and July he will teach summer Koine Greek courses at Ave Maria University (Naples, Fla.) and the University of the Holy Cross (Rome, Italy). Andrew's wife, **Natalie (Henry) Hill '11**, who completed her nursing degree at Medical College of Georgia, is working as a nurse at Carle Hospital in Urbana, Ill.



REV. HOWARD “MICKEY” PARK STEPS DOWN FROM BOARD



After over 50 years of faithful and dedicated service and affiliation, Rev. Howard “Mickey” Park ’55, has decided to step down from Bryan College’s board of trustees to continue pursuing missions work with his wife Martha ’57. Rev. Park was an honorary board member from ’64-’80 and an official board member for the 33 years following. In leaving his formal affiliation with Bryan he continues to trust God in all and believes that the best days are yet ahead.

He and Martha have a heart for ministry, particularly in service to pastors and missionaries who are already serving on the field. Their organization Global Servant Ministries, Inc., with the motto “Serving the Servants of Christ around the World,” does precisely that. They have personally worked with 25 different missions organizations in 45 countries around the world, encouraging those on the front lines spiritually and emotionally.



Rev. Park reflects on the Global Servant Ministries, Inc. blog that Bryan gave him “life time friends” and “an opportunity to invest my life in thousands of young people as part of the decision making of the Board of Trustees.” Bryan is “not a cookie cutter college,” he says, but a place of reality, preparation, and relationship. In fact, he is still close to many of the friends he made at Bryan as a student.

College president Dr. Stephen Livesay says of the Parks, “We thank the Lord for their faithful service over these many decades and wish them God’s best for the coming years of their lives.”

By Chloe Ann Nardone ‘13

DON BLANTON JOINS BOARD



The Bryan College Board of Trustees welcomes new board member Don Blanton '76. An acclaimed speaker in the financial and investment services industry, he has a gift for making difficult concepts easy to understand. In 1994 he founded his own company called MoneyTrax which develops software for financial services professionals nationwide and in Canada. Don is the president of MoneyTrax and is considered to be one of the top trainers in the industry train-

ing over 10,000 advisors using his client friendly software. He is nationally sought after speaker and is involved in ministry doing seminars across the country for couples on the marriage relationship and money from a biblical perspective. Don and Rodney Cox recently held the "Love and Money" all-day conference for Bryan students in 2011.

Don and his wife Connie have a passion for Bryan College, and Don now serves on the finance committee. Steve Keck, director of gift and estate design, calls the couple "warm and inviting friends who love the Lord and have an immense concern for others." Many would agree. The Blantons have also hosted alumni, friends, and students in their home in Atlanta, and they were named Alumni of the Year in 2012.

When asked why joining the Bryan Board of Trustees is important to him, Blanton replied, "To give back to Bryan; and also, as a believer, to invest in the Kingdom – I can't think of a better place than Bryan to do that. I am humbled to be on the board. It's a big responsibility, and I appreciate all the others who have served in the past."

By Chloe Ann Nardone '13

ISRAEL JORDAN & ROME

A 15-Day Inspirational Tour



Scripture will spring to life during the 15-day inspirational tour of Israel, Jordan, and Rome on June 7-21, 2014.

Dr. and Mrs. Livesay look forward to joining the tour, along with two Bryan College professors, Dr. Scott Jones (Christian ministry) and Dr. Jud Davis (Greek). The trip requires a minimum of 20 persons, and registration is now open.

Those interested in joining this tour may contact Dr. Jones at 423.775.7455 or by email at sjones1797@bryan.edu.

» pilgrimtours.com/groups/bcIsraelJordanRome.htm



Staff Member of the Summer **Jonathan Bacon** received this award for his outstanding service and work on the Maranatha House.

Mr. Jonathan Doran presented a workshop entitled "Soul Care and the Millennial Generation" at the Southeast Regional Conference of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors in Hendersonville, N.C. The dates of the conference were Oct. 25-27.

Dr. Gary Fitsimmons participated this fall on a SACS-COC Off-Site review team evaluating 3 other institutions for reaffirmation of accreditation. He also completed his 6th column "Library Leadership" for The Bottom Line: Managing Library Finances. Two of these columns this year have been selected as Featured Articles by The Informed Librarian Online library professional reading service.

Mr. Brad Gatlin and **Mr. Ryan Ladner** attended the Christian Business Faculty Association Annual Meeting and Conference at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill., Oct. 17-19. While at the conference Mr. Gatlin presented a paper entitled "An Assessment of Academic Entitlement among Traditional and Non-Traditional Business Students." Mr. Gatlin was also co-presenter in a session focused on instructional technology.

Mr. Bill Harle has been selected as the next Dean, School of Adult & Graduate Studies and External Programs. Bill is so versatile that he has been tapped to lead a number of areas here at Bryan in the past four years, including serving as English faculty, an AGS director, our primary SACS writer, and this past year as the SACS Liaison.

He brings a number of skills to the position, including an extensive business background, a personal history studying as an adult student and then working in adult programs, and an innovative mind. Bill will remain as our SACS Liaison through June 2014.

Mrs. Kimberly Keck, Assistant Professor of Music, took the Music Education students to the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) collegiate kick-off workshop at Cumberland University on Sept. 21. Bryan College was one of the many institutions representing the state of Tennessee. On Oct. 10, Mrs. Keck presented a workshop for the Chattanooga Music Teachers' Association (CMTA) entitled "Don't Sit Still, Get Moving and Learn," which will focus on teaching music to students with learning disabilities.

Dr. Raymond Legg engaged in extensive reading and writing of original poetry while on sabbatical during the Spring 2013 term. His research included travel to Ireland where he spent time with a friend who is an Irish poet, and where he was able to visit many of the sights in and around Dublin having particular literary connections. Some of Dr. Legg's original poetry is scheduled for publication in spring 2014.

Dr. David Luther sang the bass solos in a production of Handel's Messiah on Dec. 1 in Fairfield Glade, Tenn. with a community orchestra and chorus.

Dr. Michele Pascucci's article, "Los 'estudios chinos' de José Juan Tablada: Revelación y Revaluación" ["The 'Chinese studies' of José Juan Tablada: Revelation and Re-evaluation"] appears in the September 2013 issue of *Hispania* (Vol. 96, Num. 3, pp. 481-92). This journal is published by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP), and only about 12-15% of articles submitted to it for review are selected for publication.





FACULTY & STAFF NOTES

The PSGS/Criminal Justice Program hosted a day-long Leadership seminar by Dr. Jack Enter from Atlanta on Oct. 15. Approximately 60 students and 25 top-ranking members of the TN Highway Patrol (THP) attended. Dr. Enter has been involved in Criminal Justice leadership for 40 years, serving in various law enforcement agencies, then in academia (head of the CJ program at Georgia State University), and finally, for the past decade-plus, as a consultant and speaker to various agencies and organizations nationwide and worldwide (including New Scotland Yard, Scottish Police College, National Association of Police Chiefs, security consultation for the 1996 Olympics, and many more).

Dr. Mel R. Wilhoit reviewed Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra concerts on Sept. 26 and Oct. 10; his articles appeared in the online version of *The Chattanooga Times-Free Press*. On Sunday, Oct. 6, he led the Bryan Brass Ensemble that played for Sunday morning worship at The Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga. His articles on “Holiness Hymnody” and “Gospel Hymns No. 1-6 Complete” appeared in the new online *Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology*, launched in October. This is an electronic update of John Julian’s definitive 1892 *Dictionary of Hymnology* and will become one of the standard resources in the field. On Oct. 26, Dr. Wilhoit delivered a paper on “R. E. Winsett Music Company: A Case Study in Ma and Pa Publishing or The Growth of Grassroots Gospel” at the Tennessee Folklore Society Annual Meeting in Nashville. On Veterans Day Dr. Wilhoit sang with the Chattanooga Symphony Chorus for a performance at the Soldiers and Sailors War Memorial Auditorium in Chattanooga on Nov. 11. Later that week, on Nov. 14, he sang with the Chorus in a performance of Mozart’s “Requiem” as part of the concert series for the Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra at the Tivoli Theater in Chattanooga. On Nov. 24 he and trumpet student Jonathan Creasy performed part of the Vivaldi Trumpet Concerto for 2 Trumpets for the morning services at Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church in Signal Mountain, Tenn. On Dec. 12, 13 he performed with the Jeff Rouché Choir in Christmas concerts at St.

Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Chattanooga, and on Dec. 21-22, he sang with the Chattanooga Symphony Chorus in two Christmas Pops concerts at the Tivoli Theater in Chattanooga.

Dr. Samuel Youngs had a paper accepted for publication by *The Asbury Journal*, the Theological and Biblical Studies Journal of Asbury Theological Seminary. The paper is entitled: “Creatio Ex Amore Dei: Creation out of Nothing and God’s Relational Nature,” and it is slated to appear in the Fall 2014 volume of the journal. Also Samuel recently returned from a trip to London, where he initiated his MPhil/PhD course of study at King’s College, University of London. While in the UK he was able to participate in seminar discussion with visiting professor Denys Turner (Yale Divinity School) as well as attend a roundtable presentation by Simon Podmore (Liverpool Hope University) on the thought of Søren Kierkegaard.



MOCK INTERVIEW DAY



On Nov. 1, Bryan College Career Services held its second annual Mock Interview Day, drawing 52 current students to practice their interview skills in a realistic setting, preparing them for the interviews many will face in the coming months. Twenty-seven volunteer faculty, staff and community members interviewed students at Mock Interview Day.

Tuesday, Oct. 8, marked the 10th anniversary of Bryan College's Community Service Day, and this year's event was extraordinary. Nearly 500 members of the Bryan community, from freshmen to veteran faculty members, gave of their time and resources to contribute in service to what this year's theme calls "The Story of Rhea County" through traditional service projects and a new initiative called "Fun Day on the Hill."

"Service day isn't about a 6-hour project," noted Community Service Day Director Ben Norquist, "it's about learning to become true servants of our neighbors for the rest of our lives." Acclaimed author and speaker Dr. John

Perkins gave the commissioning address to volunteers before they embarked on their various projects. Over 50 official groups went out into the surrounding communities to help those in need, along with several privately organized teams. Those reached included both organizations – such as schools, nursing homes, and nonprofits– and individuals needing assistance at their residences.



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Jeffery Carter '00x, of Chattanooga, Tenn., died Dec. 4, 2013.

Anita A. (Graham) Cleaveland '44, of Seymour, Tenn., died Nov. 24, 2013.

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